



RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Tom Wheeler  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,  
Covington Food Bank is a community food bank serving residents of St. Tammany, Tangipahoa and Washington Parishes in Louisiana. We are supported by the generosity of our local businesses and residents and serve the needs of the most vulnerable in our community by providing food, clothing, emergency assistance and dental care. Charter Communications has been an amazing community supporter of ours, and has supported us by providing donations as well as employee volunteers. We've benefited greatly from their contributions and have seen firsthand what a great community partner they can be.

That's why we are writing in support of the merger of Charter, Time Warner Cable, and Bright House Networks into New Charter. We believe the new company would work to improve access and services for our low-income community and directly benefit St. Tammany, Tangipahoa and Washington Parishes. New Charter would commit to a variety of diversity initiatives aimed at providing valuable broadband to underserved customers.

The company's low-income program would provide discounted rates on high-quality broadband for those who qualify. Already finding great success under Bright House Networks, the program would be a major boost for families that have long been priced out of the market. These days, the Internet is one of the most important tools struggling students and families need to succeed, whether used for homework, college applications, or access to jobs. New Charter's commitment to provide a reliable connection to families in need would be a major boost to many in our community.

New Charter would also improve underserved communities by extending a program currently operated by Charter. The project, *Charter Our Community*, is working to rebuild and rehabilitate 25,000 unsafe homes by 2020. It would partner with local nonprofits, providing substantive support to a worthy cause and hopefully compelling its competitors to make similar contributions.

We've thoroughly enjoyed working with Charter in the past and are impressed with New Charter's commitment to underserved communities. We ask that you join us and support the merger.

Sincerely,

Terri Turner-Marse  
Executive Director, Covington Food Bank